

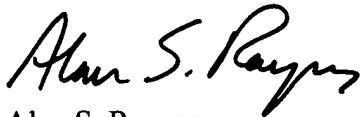
Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 15-16. Claims 1-8, 15-23 and 25-26 are currently pending. Claims 9-14 and 24 were previously canceled without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone conversation on Sept. 3, 2003, in which claim 1 was discussed. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's position, but to expedite prosecution applicant has amended claims 1 and 15-16 in a manner suggested by the Examiner to overcome U.S. Patent No. 5,928,959 to Huckels et al. ("Huckels"). Applicant respectfully reserves the right to further prosecute the original claims at a later date if desired.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-8, 15-23 and 25-26 are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss the steps necessary to place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



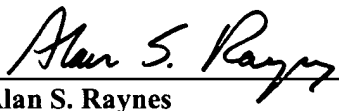
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